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Keewatin Mills, Sept., 1883.

SELECTED POETRY.

DEAR MOTHER'S GROWING OLD.

GEORGE NEWELL LOVEJOY.

Her eye is not so lustrous,
 Her voice has less of cheer,
While in her hair, once dark as night,
 The threads of grey appear.
And ah! I am reminded,
 When I her face behold,
That, though she still is beautiful,
 Dear mother's growing old.

Her cheeks have lost their glory,
 So like the blush of morn,
Her smiles have flown that used to bless
 The heart when sorrow worn.
As when I mark her step that
 Was buoyant once and bold,
I cannot help the thought so sad
 That mother's growing old.

Turn back the years, O Father!
 And make her young once more—
Just as my soul remembers her
 In happy days of yore,
When at her side my life in
 Full gladness did unfold,
And I, a little child, dreamed not
 Dear mother would grow old.

Beyond these hours so fleeting,
 Beyond earth's toils and tears,
In that sweet land I hope to gain
 Beyond these mortal years,
Nothing shall waste her pure life,
 But beauty manifold,
With happiness shall crown her lot,
 And mother'll ne'er grow old

ALGOMA ELECTION.

Nomination of Candidates.

PORT ARTHUR, Sept. 15.—The proceedings at the nomination of candidates for the district of Algoma in the Legislature of Ontario, took place in front of the Town Hall to-day at noon. The attendance of electors was small, it being previously understood that neither of the candidates would be present and there would be no speeches made this morning. Thompson, returning officer, was assisted by W. H. Laird, who acted as poll clerk. The writ and proclamation having been read, only two nominations were made. W. H. Plummer, Sault Ste. Marie, proposed by S. H. Kennedy, merchant, and seconded by W. F. Davidson, steamboat agent, both of Port Arthur; and R. A. Lyon, M.P.P., proposed by N. K. Street, merchant, of Port Arthur, and seconded by Donald McKellar, Reeve, of the township of Neebing. When the hour in which to receive nominations had expired, and a poll having been demanded for both candidates, the returning officer announced Friday, 28th September, as the polling day, and read the list of polling places. A cast-off Nova Scotia politician named Gough then pompously read a notice to the returning officer demanding that polling places should be opened at other points, notably along the line of railway, where Dawson, M.P.'s votes, consisting of Montreal commercial travelers, Indians, unqualified natives, and others of a like fraudulent kind were polled at the Dominion election last year. These voters were brought by car loads in response to a telegram said to have been forwarded asking how many voters were needed for to-day's proceedings: It is clear that the same fraudulent means were contemplated to elect Mr. Plummer, but the determination of the returning officer to have the polls only in such places as there are legitimate voters has quite paralyzed the Plummer manager. A significant feature of the proceedings to-day was the presence of a section of the Muskoka gang, namely: Squires, Cosgrave and Arnoldi, the latter a brother-in-law of the disqualified Fauquier, added by an Owen Sound legal luminary named Mason. These outsiders called on the returning officer early in the forenoon and offered the protest, which was subsequently read and handed to him by Gough, but their game of bulldozing failed of its purpose, and they were promptly told that they must wait until the nomination proceedings had begun. Hambly, another Muskoka ranger, is up at Rainy River, and the woods will be full of these birds of evil omen for the next two weeks. Shields has not yet returned from Ottawa, but these forces are expected in a few days. Meantime Mr Lyon's friends are well satisfied with his prospects of success, despite the crooked methods of the Shields-Norquay-Merideth-Muskoka gang.

The following is a list of the polling places in this district:

No. 22. Rat Portage Division consists of that portion of said District lying between the westerly limit of division No. 21, and extending westerly and northerly to the limit of said district, and to a point halfway between Rat Portage and the Sault Rapids on Rainy River. Polling places:

A. Rat Portage.
B. Keewatin Mills.

No. 23. Fort Francis District consists of that portion of said District lying between the Southerly limit of Division No 22, and embracing the balance of the district and not included in Divisions Nos. 21 and 22. Polling Places:

A. Rainy River at Lindsay's.
B. Fort Francis.

MR. MILLER'S ADDRESS

(From the Manitoba Free Press.)

Mr. Miller is of the opinion that "as a "Conservative and a member of the Nor-"quay Administration it is unnecessary "for him to explain at length his policy "or that of his colleagues in an address." Quite so. In the same way modern scientists are of the opinion that as modern scientists and members of the modern scientific fraternity, it is unnecessary for them to explain the origin of protoplasm, and the public agrees with them, just as it does with Mr. Miller. The public is an accommodating and kind-hearted body, which very much dislikes to see individuals struggling with painful impossibilities. In the celebrated case of "Bullum vs. Boatum" the learned counsellor scored a great point when he triumphantly demanded of the court: "And how can a man explain that which is not explicable!" When Mr. Counsellor Miller puts the interrogation in the form of an assertion he is equally forcible, and the public is at once prepared to adopt his own language and say: "As a conservative and a member of the Norquay Administration, Mr. "Miller, it is quite unnecessary for you to "explain at length your policy or that of "your colleagues."

Mr. Miller has an essentially logical as well as legal mind. It is not surprising, then, to find him strengthening in the subsequent paragraph of his address the position so ably taken in the opening one. He goes on to say: "I will only say that Man-"itoba's rights to the so-called disputed "territory will be maintained: and if it is "the wish and desire of Ontario to test it "in such a way as to have a binding judi-"cial decision, the Government of which I "have the honor to be a member, is pre-"pared to consent so to test it. In the "meantime we intend to maintain our po-"sition." That is, Mr. Miller does not know what Manitoba's rights are but he is bound to maintain them at all hazards until he finds out. It is greatly to the credit of the Government of which Mr. Miller has the honor of being a member, and will have for a few weeks, or until after the election in which he is to be a candidate is over, that it is not above acquiring such information. It might wilfully have shut its eyes and refused to acknowledge the presence of either the Dominion or Ontario Governments in the Keewatin dispute. Instead of this, however, we find the Government, of which Mr. Miller has the honur to be in the meantime a member, quite willing to humor Ontario by going through any form which that Province may have a fancy for before finally dispossessing it of "the so-called disputed territory." This is truly magnanimous on the part of the Manitoba Government, and we have no doubt that such generous forbearance is the direct result of Mr. Miller's brief connection with it. It makes us regret all the more keenly that Mr. Miller's tenure of the Attorney Generalship is not to be more lengthened. The man who can be forgiving to the friends who deprived him of his judgeship and forbearing to the foes who would deprive his adopted Province of those rights which he does not know the nature of, but has set his heart on maintaining, is one who deserves a better fate than disaster at Rat Portage after defeat in Rockwood.

Mr. Miller, however, perhaps more nearly approximates the sublimity of generosity in the third, than in any other paragraph of his address. It is in it that he assures the electors of Rat Portage that their interests will be as carefully looked after by him as though he were a resident of their Division. "As a member of the Norquay Administration," Mr. Miller is of course aware that the Manitoba treasury is bankrupt; that after the expenses of this [illegible] Portage fiasco are paid a good [illegible] have been added to an already crushing debt, and the Province have taken a long stride in the direction of direct taxation to which it is constantly tending. When this fact is borne in mind the full benevolence of Mr. Miller's intentions will be appreciated. Loving Manitoba as he does, he is bent on securing for it the possession of "the so-called disputed territory;" and loving Rat Portage as he must, he is determined that it shall not suffer by being separated from an old and wealthy Province well able to develop its resources and assist it rapidly forward on the pathway of progress and prosperity. His privy purse will, of course, make ample amends to the people of Rat Portage for the loss of the Ontario treasury. We fear, however, that it is still to be Mr. Miller's mission to sacrifice himself for others, and that the loosening of his purse strings in Rat Portage is not likely to be more satisfactory to him in its results than were his expenditures in Rockwood.

"VARENNES."

Mr. James Gillespie Enters the Field Against Mr. Miller.

Mr. Gillespie on his arrival here from the east on Saturday afternoon, was met by a number of those in favor of his candidature, who submitted to him a largely signed requisition, asking him to become a candidate for the electoral division of Rat Portage in opposition to Mr. J. A. Miller, the Norquay candidate.

In the evening, at half-past seven o'clock, a meeting was held in the Ontario Court room, at which nearly one hundred of the electors were present. The chair was occupied by Mr. Baker, and Mr. James Doherty was appointed secretary.

In reply to the request contained in the requisition Mr. Gillespie stated that he had been taken greatly by surprise, not having heard anything of the matter, beyond what was said before he left for Ontario, until met at the depot that day by the committee with the requisition. He had taken the afternoon to examine the requisition and to consider the matter, and he had decided to accept the request of the requisitionists and become a candidate, and would do everything in his power, from then until election day, consistent with fair play, to win the election. With such a requisition, and such a large gathering as he saw around him, it was not difficult to predict success. He was before them as an independent candidate, having always held that the introduction of Dominion party lines in this Province was hurtful. He would not, if elected, lend himself to any clique or party, but would do all in his power to promote good government, and particularly the interests of Rat Portage and Varennes. This was not the time for speech-making. He could not enter into a full discussion of the questions at issue until face to face with his opponent or opponents. A meeting, however, would be held in a few days, at which he would discuss all questions of importance. He would also issue an address by Tuesday or Wednesday defining more fully his position.

One of the audience—"How do you stand as to the Norquay Government?"

Mr. Gillespie—"Well, I am certainly not the Government candidate, but I will hold myself free to support any good measures, should they come from the Norquay Government or any other source, and also to oppose bad measures on the same grounds."

He thanked the people of the Division for the largely signed requisition—"a requisition," he said, "of which I am proud, and of which any man might be proud, and which I most heartily accept, knowing you all, or most of you, as I do." He took his seat amid great applause.

Mr. Wm. McKinnon addressed the meeting, and stated that he had forborne putting his name to the requisition on account of the rumors which had been current to the effect that Mr. Gillespie would not be a candidate. Now that he had received Mr. Gillespie's assurance that he would run he was ready to accord Mr. Gillespie a hearty support, and felt assured of success in the campaign.

The meeting was also addressed by Messrs. Baker, McQuarrie, Findlay, Doherty, Tuttle and Calloway.

The meeting was enthusiastic in favor of Mr. Gillespie, and broke up with three rousing cheers for the candidate.

MR. BEATTY'S ADDRESS

Plain Words to the Orangemen of Algoma District.

The following is the address of Mr. James Beaty, about which the Tories are making somewhat of a fuss.

To the Orangemen and Protestant Electors of Algoma:

GENTLEMEN—I claim the right, and consider it my duty, to address the following remarks to you, on these grounds:

1st. As a citizen of Ontario, a Province bearing the largest share in the maintenance of Confederation.

2nd. As a man of extensive experience, being for many years engaged in the publication of one of the ablest newspapers ever published in Canada.

3rd. As an Orangeman who organized the first Orange lodge and carried the first Orange banner in Toronto.

First, then, as a citizen I desire to direct your attention to the fact that although Ontario is the richest Province, the most intelligent, and possessing the largest population of any in the Dominion, still Ontario is ruled by a body of Frenchmen called the Bleus, and to-day we are deprived of the property rightfully allotted to us by arbitration through the influence of these Bleus over Sir John A. Macdonald. I am no advocate of Mr. Mowat. The question you have to decide at the polls is not a question of party politics, but a question as to whether Ontario shall be kept under the iron heel of Quebec or not. It is, shall Ontario be deprived of its territory at the dictation of the Quebec Bleus or not! Let us be true to ourselves and our children will rise up and bless us in after ages.

Second. For upwards of thirty years I published the Toronto Leader, and Sir [illegible] Conservative party no abler friend, and all this time we were bored with insufferable persistence by the unrighteous demands of Quebec. Concession after concession had to be made to keep them from kicking over the Conservative traces, and this is the story of the present. They seek to-day to ignore the solemn decision of three of the ablest men that ever sat on any matter of arbitration, and I am sorry to say Sir John has to do as the Bleus tell him; but you are freemen, and should show it by your votes at the polls.

Third. As an Orangeman I have a double claim on you, but I would not have expressed it in this respect had not some of our Orange leaders undertaken at the bidding of these Quebec Bleus to go up and influence your votes. Too long we Orangemen have been made the tools and voting machines in the hands of these unscrupulous leaders, who care nothing for our principles. Bro. Bennett, who dare not open his mouth on the 12th, can now send letters into your riding advising you how to vote, and Bro. Clarke goes over to tell you, not who sent him and who pays his way, but to direct you to vote in the interest of the Quebec Blues. Now, who is Bro. Clarke and who is Bro. Bennett that they should exercise authority over you? Bro. Bennett is Grand Master, to be sure, but he is a Government official who, while he dare not speak out in the interest of the order, is permitted to address letters to you as an Orangeman in the interests of his political masters.

Bro. Clarke is basking largely in the sunshine of Government pap, and it is to his interest to retain that, but he cares as much for Protestant principles or Orangemen as the monkey does for theology. Now, I am an old man on the brink of eternity, and have nothing to gain in advising you one way or the other. Let me tell you to watch these fellows who are continually bringing disgrace upon our order. Vote for your independent candidate and you will be voting in the interest of Ontario and your own.

The faction in the Province of Quebec known as the French Bleus seek to strengthen themselves by wrecking the influence of this great Province of Ontario. In former years they openly sympathized with the rebel Riel, and now they find a willing tool in the Manitoba Norquay, the friend and former supporter of Riel. Yes, and these are the same veritable French Bleus who voted down our Orange Bill of Incorporation.

Norquay is to-day following in the footsteps of Riel as far as he dare. Like Riel, he is actuated by a mad jealousy of Ontario; like Riel, he is encouraged by the French Bleus; and, like Riel, he has seized and cast into Manitoba gaols loyal and true, Ontario men, and members of our Order.

Not only has he done those things to our fellow-citizens, but he has actually invaded Ontario and, with insufferable insolence, has taken possession of our territory at Rat Portage.

That place is as much a portion of Ontario and of Algoma as Manitoulin Island is. The residents there are earnestly desirous to remain under the protection of Ontario. The unanimous award of Sir Francis Hincks, Sir Edward Thornton, and Chief Justice Harrison decided that this territory had always been part of Ontario, and by your votes you shall determine whether Ontario or the Quebec Bleus shall retain it.

I remain, gentlemen, your faithful servant and true Orange brother,

JAMES BEATY.

I concur in the above,

CHAS. BANSLEY.

ARGUS BOUQUETS

Thrown by Our Press Brethren.

The Argus & Northwestern Ontario Mining & Lumbering Record is a paper, the first number of which is before us. It is published at Rat Portage, Ontario, and is one of the best printed and edited sheets in the Province. The ARGUS will be a power in counteracting the statements sent forth for personal and political reasons by John Shields and his allies.—London Advertiser.

WE are in receipt of the first number of the Rat Portage ARGUS, published in the now somewhat celebrated city of that name. The ARGUS announces its location as "Ontario," and sticks up manfully for Ontario's rights. In this it expresses the sentiments of the great body of the people there; and we heartily wish it success in its contention, and in its enterprising strike-out-for-business.—Cobourg World.

WE have received the first number of the ARGUS AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MINING AND LUMBERING RECORD, published at Rat Portage. The new candidate for public favor is a model of typography and beautifully printed on fine toned paper. It is edited with vigor and ability, and espouses the Ontario side of the Boundary question. We wish our bright contemporary every success.—Galt Reformer.

The Argus and Northwestern Ontario Mining and Lumbering Record is the title of a new paper at Rat Portage of pronounced Ontario leanings. It is very neatly printed and vigorously edited. The Mail will be sorry to see that anyone has the hardihood to establish a journal up there to take the Ontario view of the disputed boundary. In so far as the ARGUS is sound on the Ontario question it has our best wishes.—Toronto World.

RAT Portage has not long remained without a newspaper worthy of the enterprise and industry of the people in that portion of Ontario. The ARGUS has just been published. It is an elegantly printed journal: it is edited with much vigor, and displays a sound, patriotic spirit in taking up the Ontario view of the disputed boundary. The ARGUS has our best wishes for its success in the mission it has undertaken.—Hamilton Times.

The Toronto Globe says: "The Journal which has been for some time past published at Rat Portage having indicated an intention to cast its lot in with the Norquay party, a new journal devoted to independent advocacy of the real interests of the district has been started with commendable promptitude. The first number of the ARGUS is a very creditable production, its editorials are well written and it [illegible] summary of district news. Those who wish to learn [illegible] matters are really going in Rat Portage will do well to go to the ARGUS for information."

WE have received the first number of the Rat Portage ARGUS AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MINING AND LUMBERING RECORD. It is a spicy little sheet, vigorously edited, and beautifully printed, and will prove a thorn in the side of the enemies of Ontario in the Rainy River region. It is the avowed exponent of the views of Ontario sympathizers, by a number of whom its publication has been commenced. The name of the editor is not mentioned in the "Salutatory," but he is evidently no novice. The ARGUS assures its readers that it has "come to stay." We have no doubt its advent will be warmly welcomed and the means of "staying" liberally provided.—Paris Transcript.

THOSE Ontario journals which sympathize with the plundering of their Province are delighted over the sudden conversion of a professedly independent paper, the Rat Portage Progress, to out-and-out Conservative, principles. The motive of the conversion is revealed in the publication of a new journal there, called "The ARGUS AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MINING AND LUMBERING RECORD," the first number of which lies before us. It is a beautiful sheet typographically, and its articles are written with unusual ability. We welcome it not as a party journal, but as the sound advocate in that far-away territory of the rights of this province in whose welfare we are deeply interested. The ARGUS warmly supports the cause of Mr. Lyon, who gives no uncertain utterance upon the boundary question. It would be little less than a provincial calamity for Algoma to elect a member who is not openly pledged to Ontario's claims to the disputed territory.—Hamilton Tribune.

RAILWAY RIPPLES.

—It is rumored at Fort William that a new line will be constructed by the C. P. R. between that place and Port Arthur.

—Gen.-Supt. Egan, of the C. P. R., has issued an order cautioning officials against accepting bills on the Exchange Bank of Canada.

—Superintendent Murray, of the C. P. R., and several other officers of the Company, have commenced their divisional duties at Moosejaw.

—Mr. Jerry Donovan, roadmaster on the Brandon Division of the C. P. R. left Winnipeg Tuesday to spend a few weeks holidays at St. Louis, Mo.

—Mr. W. F. Reid has been appointed master mechanic of the western division in place of Mr. Pink, resigned. Mr. Reid will enter upon the duties of his office at once.

—Tracklaying is progressing fairly well on the Emerson Loop line. The rails are laid 2½ miles from Pembina Junction. It is expected the line will be into Emerson in 20 days.

—The pay roll of the C. P. R. stores and mechanical department for the month of August amounted to no less than $97,[illegible].18, being an increase over the July pay roll of $2,[illegible].40.

—I. M. Ross, contractor of the M. & N. W. Ry., who has arrived from Gladstone reports grading on the road completed to Minnedosa. Tracklaying began on Thursday, and it is now believed that trains will be running to that point by the first of November.

C. P. R. TIME TABLE.

GOING EAST		
Winnipeg	Leave	7 00 a.m
Rat Portage	Arrive	5 35 p.m
	Leave	5 45 p.m
Port Arthur	Arrive	7 30 a.m
GOING WEST		
Port Arthur	Leave	5 25 p.m
Rat Portage	Arrive	7 25 a.m
	Leave	7 35 a.m
Winnipeg	Arrive	8 00 p.m

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THE ALGOMA ELECTION.

Hon. A. S. Hardy, Provincial Secretary, and R. A. Lyon, to Visit Rat Portage.

The Argus has special pleasure in announcing that the Hon. A. S. Hardy, Provincial Secretary of the Ontario Government, and R. A. Lyon, M.P.P., the Ontarin candidate for Algoma, will visit Rat Portage during the coming week, when our citizens will have an opportunity to hear them discuss public affairs. Coming as he does in the capacity of a minister of the Crown the citizens of Rat Portage will,quite regardless of political considerations, accord the Hon. Mr. Hardy a cordial greeting and warm welcome. The Government of which he is an able, active and prominent member has already done much for the material development of Rat Portage and District, and it is doubtless with a view to ascertain for himself and colleagues the precise position of affairs here, and the varied wants and requirements of the town and District, not less than to aid in the election of his friend and supporter, Mr. Lyon, that the Provincial Secretary is paying us the present visit. He will thus have an opportunity to meet with the Council and representative residents of the place and confer with them on the several matters that may require the attention and assistance of the Provincial Government.

Apart from his position as a member of the Government, Mr. Hardy is an exceedingly able and eloquent speaker and political debater, and the citizens of Rat Portage, whatever their political proclivities, will enjoy a rich treat in listening to him. The date of his arrival and meeting has not yet been definitely fixed, but announcement will be made in due time by poster.

The Winnipeg Times, doubtless under inspiration, has taken the public into its confidence in re the action of Manitoba in this territory. It says she is in Rat Portage, "carrying out duties she was requested to undertake some time ago by the Dominion Government." Manitoba has no legal rights of her own as yet. We are there, however, as the agents of the Federal authorities pending the definite settlement of the dispute." This is about the most delightfully refreshing confession that we have read for many a day! Practically, it admits all that has been said about Norquay's being employed to take John A.'s chestnuts out of the fire. It admits that everything done at Rat Portage for the last two months has been done, not in the interest of Manitoba, but because of the political exigencies of the Dominion Government: that Manitoba had no legal rights here when she incarcerated Ontario citizens and carried them in a cowardly, sneaking way to Winnipeg jail: no legal rights when one of her so-called magistrates sent two Ontario constables into Winnipeg jail for the crime of having attempted to do the duty they were sworn to do: no legal rights when those men were humediately, on incarceration, placed in prisongarband had their hair croped like convicted felons: no legal rights, with some five and twenty armed policemen parading the streets for no earthly purpose apparently but to watch those of Ontario. All this, according to the Times, is not the fault of the Norquay Government. They are simply obeying instructions from Ottawa, and acting as agents. It would be interesting if we could be informed by the Norquay organ as to the nature of those instructions and the date of their issue. Was it before or after Sir John came back from his holiday at River du Loup, or was it when Sir Hector and ex-Grand Sovereign Howell ran the Government alone during the summer? There are a good many people here at Rat Portage who will, in any case, hold both the Dominion and Manitoba Governments responsible for what has been done here lately in the way of kidnapping and imprisoning Ontario citizens in Manitoba jails.

BENTLEY & COSGRAVE the notorious Muskoka corruptionists were in town last week. The former went to Rainy River ostensibly on a shooting excursion, with a shot gun under his arm: the latter after an interview with telegraph operator Stanton went east as far as the Manitoulin.

COMMISSIONER Pattullo has been in Port Arthur during the past week. Judging by the attentions paid him in the columns of the Sentinel he must have been doing active and useful work for the Government candidate. The Sentinel about equals the Chamber-Maid's organ in dirt-throwing.

PROFFERED BUT DECLINED

The Copperhead press in Ontario has been ringing the changes on an alleged attempt by certain "Mowat officials" at Rat Portage to obtain control of the local newspaper. It was all right apparently for that paper to sell itself to the Norquay-Plummer band of patriots, but positively shocking in the Provincial Rights men to contemplate doing what their opponents have done! Well, the "organ" has been bought AND SOLD, and it is now engaged in the congenial task of throwing mud in the interests of its very respectable purchasers. What it would have done for us had a certain official not had common sense enough to disavow any mission looking towards the acquisition of its valuable services may be judged when we inform the public that an offer of those services was actually made on the 6th of August in a letter of one Alexander, dated from Stonewall. The course of the journal in question in slandering and sneering at every Ontario sympathizer here, during the past fortnight or three weeks, we submit justifies to the full the tearing away of the veil of privilege from the letter referred to. Here it is in all its essential features:

"I have just received a long letter from Claus concerning the present muddle, and thought I would write you. I will be in Rat Portage on Tuesday next, and I think WE CAN MAKE VERY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS! Claus will immediately leave for about a month and if IT IS WISHED I CAN CHANGE THE TONE OF THE PAPER VERY QUICKLY! You know I have done your party one or two good turns already voluntarily and you know HOW MY SYMPATHIES NOW RUN! As a member of the present council I can do a good deal and can WORK AS KNAVES. But what I must insist on is a DEFINITE UNDERSTANDING! And when the fight comes on at election, you will find I am in possession of ONE OR TWO POINTERS that may surprise you. I found out A NEATLY-WRITTEN SCRAWL in Winnipeg two weeks ago FROM A FRIEND OF NORQUAY'S that would surprise you."

The writer of this very suggestive communication returned to Rat Portage from Stonewall on the day indicated, and immediately placed himself in communication with the gentleman to whom he had offered his valuable services. The sequel may be told in few words. He was informed that if he wanted to negotiate for the sale of his editorial columns he would have to approach some one empowered to act as a political agent; that the gentleman in question not being a political agent was in no position to purchase, and that moreover, nothing he had said had at any time justified his being approached on such a subject. Shortly afterwards, the Progress came out as a violent partisan of the Norquay-Plummer combination, and a persistent thoughtful reader of earlier of everybody suspected of a leaning toward Ontario. The moral of this story is to be found in the application of it.

As a specimen of what the organ of the "gentlemen," the Toronto Mail, has to say about affairs at Rat Portage we take the following from a late issue for the especial delectation of our respectable Conservative supporters here:

"The expenses the Mowat Government has incurred in the maintenance of Provincial Rights—by a pardon, in the carrying of the Algoma election—are astonishing. So far the following liabilities have been incurred for the present fiscal year:—

Brigadier Pattullo, salary, traveling expenses, and liquors	$ 5,600 00
Sergeant Burden, salary, traveling expenses, and liquors	5,100 00
Charley the Bull Pup, the Sawyer, Diamond, the Jail Breaker, and Black Jim Reddy, salary as first-constables	1,000 00
Liquors for the same	1,000 00
To payment of fines and legal expenses	
To constables at $3 per month	1,400 00
Vendor of whiskey to Indians	121,500 00
Cost of whiskey for Indians	1,000 00
Cost of whiskey for constables	300 00
Rations for constables	1,08 10
	2,100 00
Total	$162,400 00

Besides this the Government has spent some hundreds of dollars in building a gaol which will be of no use when the Sluggers and Bull Pups are withdrawn, and in fixing some of the roadways at the Portage. The work on the streets and the gaol will be worth say two thousand dollars. So that while the sum of $162,400 is spent in liquors, rioting, and the payment of fines and legal expenses, $2,000 is spent in useful work. There is a good deal of sack to a very little bread."

MESSRS. CORREGAN AND ENRIGHT are said to be still in the field for the mythical constituency of Varennes against ex-Judge Miller. We sincerely trust both those gentlemen will consider the position and not interfere by persisting in their candidature in a fair stand-up fight between Messrs. Gillespie and Miller. Both Messrs. Corregan and Enright are personally popular, particularly in the Western Section of the "constituency," but neither could hope for election by the vote of Rat Portage and further East. Neither of them is, we believe, suspected of having Millerite proclivities and the best thing they can do, if only to strengthen themselves for a future effort, is to take off their coats and "wire in" for the popular candidate—their friend Gillespie.

A PETITION has been circulated and transmitted to the Manitoba Government asking an expenditure of $1,000 for street improvements. The daily Times has been inveighing against the Ontario Government for having met this requirement more than two years ago. What more do they want?—Free Press." Our neighbor ought to know that it makes all the difference in the world to the Times and its allies whose particular axis gored in matters political: and that in their opinion, what would be quite wrong for Mr. Mowat to do would be entirely right if done by the Ottawa Premier. Their business is to swear by John A. right or wrong, a la Tom Scott, M.P.

ANOTHER "MAIL" FALSEHOOD NAILED.

The attention of those electors of Algoma who reside at Sault Ste Marie, Port Arthur, and Manitowaning is directed to the fact that Mr. Mowat is spending public money at Rat Portage on the macadamizing of the streets. Not a cent is being spent for that purpose in the other Algoma towns. Surely if Rat Portage is entitled to roads at the expense of the Province, Port Arthur, Sault Ste Marie, and Manitowaning are also. Why is this distinction made!—Toronto Mail.

We are in a position to deny most emphatically the statement formulated in the foregoing paragraph, and we shall do so by quoting a letter received by a gentleman in Rat Portage from an old and well known resident of the township of Oliver in East Thunder Bay. This letter, bearing date 10th inst. reads as follows: "We are having a lively time here about the election of a member for the Local House, but Mr. Lyon will have a larger vote in the Landing than he ever had before. In this township (Oliver) we are for him almost to a man. John A. is trying to bribe the Landing folks by telling them if they elect Plummer he (John A.) will give them a large breakwater, but a great many of his old supporters think it is only a lure. Besides, they see that if we should be cut off from Ontario, we would be under the Dominion code of mining laws, which gives one-tenth of the profits of a mine to the Government, and if we were tacked on to Manitoba we would not be masters of our own lands, and consequently have no revenue for public improvements. We have thousands of dollars spent in this township every year in road-making. In fact Thunder Bay never asked for money that she did not get. They asked for the Pigeon River road and got it; they asked for the Port William road and got it; they asked for the Black Bay road and got it; they asked for a mail trail round Thunder Bay to Silver Islet and got it, and without asking they got something like $10,000 for the railroad between the Landing and the Town Plot. And the treasury of Ontario is not exhausted—far otherwise. John A. is putting forth all his energies to carry the Algoma election to make it appear that the people here would rather form part of Manitoba than Ontario, but he will find himself woefully mistaken as far as Thunder Bay is concerned, for his candidate will have a lighter vote than was ever polled here before."

As yet the total amount contributed by the Ontario Government for road-making at Rat Portage is $850—not a very large sum compared with expenditures in other parts of Algoma—in fact only an earnest of what is intended to be done here and elsewhere. The appropriation of $6,000 for a road at the Rainy River has not yet been made, but we understand a sufficient sum has been forwarded to enable the work to be commenced this fall, and a vote will certainly be taken next session for building roads between Rat Portage and Keewatin and to the mines as far as Pipe Stone Point. Other ameliorative measures will probably be resolved upon at an early date, and it is contemplated, we believe, to erect this territory into a judicial district and hold courts of quarter sessions and Assize. The Ontario Government having undertaken the administration of the territory cannot recede from its position, and on the principle of equal justice and fair play to all parts of the Province, it is bound to initiate such improvements as may be necessary to the opening up and development of this too-long neglected but valuable region.

It is stated that among the blandishments thrown round loose last week by Truthful James was an offer to release the Ontario man he had a hand in kidnapping, if they and their friends would vote for him at the coming election. In fact Attorney General Miller, as the law officer of the Norquay Cabinet, would discharge the bail of these men and quash all proceedings against them if they would turn in and support the Government that had caused their arrest by stealth, their detention in a foul den filled with vermin, and their subsequent removal by stealth in defiance of all forms of law, to Winnipeg jail. Mr. Miller found he was asking too much, and he is not likely to repeat the gracious offer. But what is to be thought of the chief law adviser of a Government descending to such tactics! Who gave him authority to override the Manitoba bench which, in due time, will be called upon to decide the cases of these abducted prisoners, and which will in all human probability hold that they were illegally removed out of this jurisdiction! "Old Father Antic, the Law" sometimes cuts strange capers. In the person of Ex-Judge Miller at Rat Portage he

Like an angry ape
Plays such fantastic tricks before high Heaven
As make the angels weep."

The latest importation to Algoma of Ontario Copperhead politicians is the burly gentleman who for the time being sits for West Middlesex in the Provincial Legislature, Alex. Johnston, M.P.P. It may be possible, of course, that Mr. Johnston is now in Algoma merely for his health, and not on a missionary tour in interests of Norquay-Meredith and the Chamber-Maid. At all events it may be well for Mr. Johnston, in case he tarries here not to resort to the peculiar devices which are understood to have been specially potent in securing his election in West Middlesex, and an investigation of which in a few weeks may perhaps reveal a new and improved edition of the Muskoka plan.

THE LAST MANŒUVRE.

It is a very suspicious circumstance that large quantities of logs belonging to the Keewatin and Rainy Lake Lumbering Companies are under threat of seizure by emissaries of the Dominion Government, just on the eve of the Algoma election, and apparently for no other earthly reason that to deter Messrs. Mather and Sutherland from taking an active part in the contest or allowing their men to do so. Mr. Mather had to leave last week suddenly for Ottawa to lay the facts of his case—not unconnected we believe with the lease granted his Company of the Islands in the Lake of the Woods, before the Department of the Interior. Mr. Sutherland is in Winnipeg and the unfortunate burning of his mill may be supposed to some extent to have lessened the anxiety of the Ottawa Government to proceed to any immediate extremities with his Company. But the fact remains that both Companies are threatened, and the threat will, doubtless, be held over their heads in terrorem until after election day. Meantime, the immaculate Shields comes out with the boast—and in the columns of the Toronto Mail is encouraged to boast—that he has purchased timber limits in this locality from the Dominion covering one hundred million feet! We know it to be untrue—but the object is the same in both cases, viz., to influence, in favor of the Government at Ottawa, the pending Provincial elections. We believe that object will signally fail: we are sure it will fail if the people who have the power to decide upon the issues of the hour prove true to the trust reposed in them. That they will do so in this region, unfettered by either the wiles or the threats of the Shields' correspondents, we confidently believe and hope.

THE MILLERITES DILEMMA.

It is astonishing what a tender solicitude some of the Norquay party have recently developed for Mr. Gillespie. They cannot find anything to urge against him, and therefore say "it was a shame to bring him out,—to drag him into the contest against his will" &c. &c. Mr. Gillespie was not dragged into the contest, though at the same time it must be confessed that he did not crush out of political existence a member of his own party (and a local man at that) to obtain the nomination as Mr. Miller did. Mr. Gillespie came forward because the people of this constituency wished him to do so. Those of the Norquay party who are so exercised about his candidature had better spend their energies on bolstering up the cause of the Winnipeg lawyer than in devising expressions of sympathy for the candidate who is certain to be elected. The new Attorney-General may find a seat somewhere but there is no room for him here. Rat Portage people prefer to elect someone whom they know for a clever, honest and capable man, and one who is not above knowing his constituents personally. Hitherto the Norquay party have assiduously spread abroad the assertion that Mr. Gillespie would not be a candidate. Now that he is out and they see defeat staring them in the face they are at their wits end to discover a way out of the difficulty they have created, and which, had they been honest they would have avoided.

SOME jaundiced hanger on of the Norquay gang writes a long letter to the Mail rehashing the numerous baseless telegrams sent from here to the Winnipeg Times and the chief Copperhead organ in Toronto during the last two months. The communication is only worthy of note as indicating the object of the writer, which is the depreciation of the Ontario Officials and their friends, and the elevation into the seventh heaven of importance of men like Brereton, Rideout, Weidman, Gadbois, and others whom it were base injustice to compare with the "specials" of the Ontario force who have been systematically held up to public reprobation. This delectable quartette manifest, we are told, great interest in everything that is done.—nay in everything that is not done by the Ontario Stipendary and Commissioners, at which the latter will feel greatly improved and honored of course. And now that the Winnipeg Times has found out the deception practised upon it, the pack must needs look out for another vehicle, and the Mail does not hesitate to give its aid and countenance. The general public—to say nothing of the employers of those officials—will probably be disposed to think all the better of them because of those truculent attacks, particularly when the source of those attacks is discovered and their object becomes known. It is a weak cause which has to employ such modes of argument and such advocates.

IN an article discussing the relative financial positions and policies of the Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific Railways, the London, (Eng.,) Gazette says:—

"The Northern Pacific has a share capital of $60,000,000, and a funded debt to date of $32,000,000, while the Canadian Pacific will have 100 more miles of railway, with a share capital—all ranking equally for dividend—of only $80,000,000, and with no bonded debt whatever, excepting the $5,000,000 held by the government as security for the carrying out of the concession, against which will be in hand about 17,000,000 acres of land. It is the policy of the Canadian Pacific board to steadily press on with their task, and not to waste their strength in contending with detractors, or in trumping up disparaging tales about rivals. They are being judged by their work by those who are earnestly concerned, and so far the verdict is in their favor, and will, we are satisfied, be so to the end, and both here and in Canada."

THE MILLERITE TROUBLES.

Ex-Judge Miller arrived here from Winnipeg on Tuesday and immediately commenced to hob-nob with his highly respectable following, the Brereton, Rideouts, Baileys, Gadbois, Weidmans, et hoc genus omne. They did not seem to be in very good spirits, and the little office in which they do their business has never been anything like crowded since the canvass commenced. The fact is that a large number of people who were cajoled into signing Miller's address by representations that Gillespie would not be a candidate, are disgusted at the trick that has been played upon them and will resent it by giving a straight vote and working all they can for Gillespie. On Wednesday Mr. Miller and his friends went down the line as far as Vermilion Bay, and received, according to all accounts, scant encouragement. The qualified voters on the road are, pronouncedly, in favor of Lyon and Gillespie as against Plummer and Miller, recognizing as almost everybody does as it is beginning to do so, that the election of the Liberal candidates is going to hasten very materially the settlement of the boundary question, and the withdrawal of the Norquay gang from territory they are pretending to hold for Manitoba, but in which they merely represent the interest of the French Bleus of Quebec and of Sir John Macdonald, their servant. Ex-Judge Miller, as an old Ontario Conservative, must feel himself in a very embarrassing position. He knows, if any man does, that he is playing a game repugnant to the feelings and interests of every Conservative in Ontario worthy to be called a Conservative. Why does he do so? Simply because he wants to supplant Norquay, curry favor with Sir John, and figure as the leading British Canadian Premier of the Prairie Province. Let him take care. There is a vaulting ambition which o'erleaps itself and it may be exemplified in him before he reaches the goal. It is exemplified already so far as the election for Varennes is concerned, for he was a beaten man before nomination day.

ANY Rainy River settler who votes for Mr. Plummer, votes for a candidate who will help to hand over his farm to the Manitoba Government which can neither grant a title nor spend one cent in public improvements. The Manitoba Government is bankrupt: the Ontario Government has a credit balance approaching five millions of dollars. By voting for Mr. Lyon and supporting the Mowat Government the settlers will help most materially in forcing on a speedy settlement of the boundary dispute, and thus obtaining not only clear titles to their lands, but securing much needed grants for public works. The finishing of the road connecting Fort Frances and the Sault has already been authorized, and the work will be at once proceeded with. Immigration will undoubtedly be directed towards the Rainy River region in the spring: townships will soon be created, counties formed, school sections established, and all the necessary paraphernalia of municipal government introduced. Those benefits may be hastened or retarded by the vote of the 25th. We have too much faith in the practical common sense of the settlers to doubt for one moment the course they will take. They will look to their own interests and give a rousing majority for Lyon and the Mowat Government.

THE Galt Reformer says ex-Attorney General Sutherland "while a respectable young man, knows a good deal more about cabbages than about statutes," that it is "no secret in Manitoba that ex-Judge Miller has his eye on the Premiership and that those in a position to know are of opinion it is only a matter of time when he will supplant Mr. Norquay." All of which goes to show that there was a good deal of method in Mr. Miller's consenting as a Pumblechook, to be being known "up-town and down-town" that neither Norquay nor Sutherland ever knew anything about law, and that in the smallest case coming before the Government, they had to consult him. Which may account to a large extent for the muddle which the Norquay Government madly precipitated at Rat Portage.

No candid observer who has traveled through the Northwest will come to any other conclusion than that of the Rev. Dr Cochrane, who, in a letter to the London Advertiser referring to the miserable reservation, along the line of railway, says:—"The exclusion of settlers on land within view of the thousands who are daily going through the country on business or pleasure, is against the interests of the railway itself, and is an annoying instance of greed and stupidity combined. When nothing is seen growing, and not a house stands on the wayside for hundreds of miles, the conclusion is inevitable that the land is barren, or that there is some reason why it is not occupied. All political parties here should combine, in the interests of the country's prosperity, to remove this constant source of irritation and complaint."

GEO SWARD ANDERSON and his right bower, Earl, from Winnipeg, have been figuring at Rat Portage this week. It is not known whether they have on hand a stock of what the Times calls "human devices," but it is known Anderson was the head centre and an ally of Shields in Muskoka, and there was a plentiful supply there in big boxes and straw flasks—the empties being given to the chamber-maid.

The Argus Publishing and Job Printing Office.

The publishers of the ARGUS announce with pleasure that arrangements have now been completed for the opening and full equipment of a Publishing and Job Printing office in connection with this paper. The press, plant and entire outfit have been purchased and may be expected in Rat Portage at an early date. The management of the ARGUS office will be in the hands of a first-class and thoroughly experienced practical printer; so that the people of Rat Portage and vicinity will soon be able to have their printing done at home and in first-class, workmanlike style. Prices will be found reasonable and all work promptly executed.

Argus Eyes.

ELECTION RALLYING SONG.

Air—"Maryland, my Maryland."

The stranger's hand is on your throat,
Put down that stranger with your vote,
Algoma, fair Algoma!
Shame on this outrage on your right,
Come forth in manly and glorious might,
Fix for your liberty you fight,
Algoma, proud Algoma!

The desperate and bankrupt crew,
Algoma, bright Algoma!
At bidding of their Premier too,
Algoma, fair Algoma!
Would tear from your grand domain,
And leave you neither "nor" nor "nein,"
That you could call your own again,
Algoma, proud Algoma!

They'd fix your hands behind your back,
Algoma, bright Algoma!
And leave you neither "Town nor Track,"
Algoma, fair Algoma!
Up! freeborn hearts with lusty sting,
The day is here, and none too long,
In your vote show your anger strong,
Algoma, proud Algoma!

Then up! Vote for the truest man,
Algoma, bright Algoma!
Down with the Miller-Norquay Clan,
Algoma, fair Algoma!
Up! Vote for LYON, help him fight,
For mining liberty, homestead right,
Hing out John Norquay's knell lustily,
Algoma, brave Algoma!

Muskoka had a Tory in,
Returned by bribery;
And everywhere corruption went
John Shields was sure to be.
[London Advertiser.

Muskoka has a Tory out,
Unseated for his sin;
It makes his friends so awful mad—
Eight years—he can't get in.
[Toronto New Era.

John Shields, though hidden from the court,
Proclaims with sight and mien
That he's got his timber limit,
And he'll bribe as much again.

I know a dude, young and fair,
With limp moustache and glossy hair;
A creature too, too sweedy rare
For mildest fancy.

He walks the street in flannel suit,
With grinsome lie and hat to boot,
A "blasher" in his mind—"Dalcot,"
A perfect nancy.

THE steamer Enterprise returned from the Rainy River on Wednesday.

THE ball at the St. Charles Hotel on Tuesday evening was well attended.

THE tug Victoria accidentally broke her screw the other day, and is now laid up for repairs.

MR. WILLIAMS, the Globe correspondent, accidentally sprained his ankle on Saturday last, and is confined to his room in consequence.

Hugh Sutherland, M. P., has returned from Rainy River and went to Winnipeg on Friday last.

How affectionately the burly ex-Judge grasps the horny hand of the Rat Portage elector. 'Tis amazing. Did he bring the flask along?

SAILING in the present high winds is eminently dangerous. If you don't believe it, ask Doctor McDonell why he is wearing his other clothes.

MR. J. K. Bryden has decided that he will not oppose the Government candidate in Varennes and the boys may not look for more beer at his expense.

THE steamer "Enterprise" left here on the 8th for Fort Francis, heavily loaded with freight and with many passengers, for points on the Rainy River.

Large quantities of telegraph poles are being rafted into the bay and loaded on the trains daily. It seems almost incredible that there can be need for all of them.

SPEKSBANK LYON, who has been on duty at Fort Frances for the last ten days, returned to Rat Portage on Wednesday and resumed his magisterial functions.

MR. CHARLES TUPLY, of "Coney Island," has leased a portion of Oliver's Block, and will supply the boys with oyster stews and things during the long and dreary winter.

Brereton says he does not care what the press may say about him while he carries the "gold-headed cane" presented by the citizens of Rat Portage—numbering five.

The dance at MRS. McKEOWN's boarding house, on Monday evening, came off, proved a perfect success. Mr. C. R. Tuttle, of Winnipeg, "mashed" several local ladies, including himself.

On Sunday evening, at service in one of our popular churches, several ladies fainted; it is understood that the dulcet tone of the precentor's voice proved too—too for the young ladies' nerves.

A Globe cable says: "The joint exhibit of the Dominion Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at the Lancashire agricultural show, Liverpool, has been awarded the silver medal.

MR. LOUIS BEAUDRY is lucky in having secured the services of Fred. Sprado, the genial bar-tender late of the Queen's. "Fred" will prove an attraction in himself, and we wish both tender and host every success.

Our own Julius, on seeing a very beautiful specimen of the grey hound at the "Rideout House," recently arrived with its master from Winnipeg, remarked "they must have hard times in Winnipeg when they starve the dogs."

The by-law to grant a bonus of $35,000 to the Souris & Rocky Mountain Railway was carried on Friday in the municipality of Ivanhoe by a large majority. The vote stood 388 in favor and 72 against, leaving a majority for the bonus of 320.

The "Sun" of the 10th inst. announces that a man was convicted of stealing from the person, by Capt. Brereton of Rat Portage and sentenced by that gentleman to "five years." This is not the first time that "the Captain" has sent an unfortunate to the penitentiary.

The improvements on Mathieson street are progressing admirably under the personal supervision of the Reeve (Mr. Holmes). Second street looks well, and when all the stray boulders will have been deposited on Oliver's lot the town will look comparatively respectable.

Mr. John P. Brown, Superintendent of the Winnipeg Consolidated Gold Mining Company, left Winnipeg for St. Paul on Monday last. It is understood that his trip is not unconnected with the raising of sufficient capital to resume active operations on the Consolidated Mine during the fall.

The following table shows the number of passengers carriedby the C. P. R. last year to and from the following stations: Brandon, 2,146, Keewatin 3, Portage la Prairie 20,229, Carberry 2,320, Chater 113, Alexander 197, Oak Lake 4,236, Virden 517, Moosomin 720, Broadview 1,328, Qu'Appelle 340, Regina 1,454, Winnipeg 18,201.

Mr. A. Rayner, of Portage in Prairie, has a potato stalk on which about 30 perfectly formed potatoes have grown up in the branches, so to speak. The number of potatoes on the stalk and in the hill numbered by actual count 112. Mr. R. intends exhibiting the stalk as a curiosity at the exhibition.

ARGUS—It is stated that Forey of Winnipeg has challenged John McKeown at present a Manitoba constable at Rat Portage, to row a five mile boat race either on Red River or on the Lake of the Woods, for them $500 to $1,000. He offers to give him three hundred yards start. The challenge has not so far been accepted.

Rev. W. Carson, of Hamilton, accompanied by Mr. W. E. Sandford, a wholesale merchant of that city, passed through here on Saturday last, en route to Winnipeg. Mr. Sandford intends going to British Columbia before his return. Rev. Mr. Carson is one of the rapidly rising young men of the Canada Methodist Church.

Rev. Dr. Rice, President of the General Conference of the Canada Methodist Church, with Bishop Carman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have been elected general superintendents of the United Church. The many friends of Dr. Rice in the Northwest will be gratified to know such a distinguished honor has been paid him.

The officers of the Ontario Press Association elected at their recent annual meeting are:—President, C. B. Robinson; 1st Vice-President, G. R. Pattullo; 2nd Vice-President, J. A. Davidson; Secretary-Treasurer, W. H. Cline; Assistant-Secretary, J. B. Trayes; Executive Committee—E. J. Pense, C. D. Barr, H. Hough, J. Somerville, M. P., H. E. Smallpiece, and G. Tye.

A contract has been awarded to Messrs. Doane & Wright on the C. P. R. in the vicinity of Rock Bay, the work being through a heavy rock section. Messrs. Doane & Wright are reputably practical men, having been connected with different roads in Canada and the United States. Mr. Wright was formerly Chief Engineer of the Port Dover & Lake Huron, and Stratford & Lake Huron Railways.

ON Monday evening Mr. Alex. Michad, who is about leaving Rat Portage to take a position connected with the railway works east of Port Arthur, was entertained at dinner by his friends at the "Golden" restaurant. Host Hennessy excelled in the menu, and the whole affair was most enjoyable in every way. After dinner several speeches were made. One by Mr. Oliver in response to the toast of "The ex-mayor" was regarded as the speech of the evening.

A man named Munro McDonald working on the Lake Superior Division of the C.P.R., died last week from the effects of gangrene which set in after an accident in a rock cut while at work there. The car knocked him against a pile of rocks and threw him under the wheels which ran over his leg and crushed it. The accident happened on Friday and he died the following Tuesday. His body was brought to Port Arthur and interred in St. John's burying ground.

PHEUDIUS.—A day or two ago an ambitious Rat Portage politician was visiting at the house of a friend. On leaving a little four-year-old daughter of the hostess exclaimed, "Say, mamma, Mr. —'s pants don't fit as well as mine—do zey mamma?" It is not stated whether the remark struck the ear of the departing politician, but it has obtained currency and now everybody is criticising the cut of Disturnell's trousers and wondering whether they were built in Winnipeg or Rat Portage.

Superintendent L. B. Archibald, of the Thunder Bay Branch, has resigned his position. Mr. J. Niblock, has received the appointment. Mr. Niblock the new superintendent, is a practical railway man of large experience, having climbed up step-by-step from the lowest rung of the ladder. He began piling wood at Widder station, on the Grand Trunk, some years ago, and has since raised the "pile" to a position of trust. He now stands on top of it and everybody will admit that his "raise" is deserved.

THE equinoctial gales have set in and for some time we may expect a rough time on the lake. The water has not been so low for years as it is at present. Owing to lack of rain the land on the islands is burnt, and of course vegetation is destroyed. Indian agent McPherson informs us that at his post the kitchen garden is destroyed and the land cracked into large fissures. Owing to the lowness of the water on the lake, navigation is difficult and great caution is necessary to avoid snags.

Mr. Bryden is to be congratulated on the magnanimity he has displayed in retiring to make way for Mr. Miller. At the same time it is whispered that in the event of Mr. Miller's success in Varennes, a promise has been made that another constituency will be speedily opened for our self-sacrificing "Guy Solicitor." This, of course, was the least that could be done by the Government; but then what will Rat Portage do without Mr. Bryden, who unlike Mr. Miller, would have to reside among his constituents.

A man named Smith through Moose Jaw on Friday night on his way home to Iowa from the mountains, with his feet and hands badly frozen. He and some companions were riding through some woods in the mountains when they were overtaken by a blizzard. The man on which he was riding lay down on the hot coals, and it was not until after the most strenuous efforts that he was made to go. The whole party escaped all right, though badly burned, but with a narrow escape of losing their lives from the fiery element.

The Chamber-Maid Shields organ in Rat Portage now throws mud for Mr. Miller at his fellow-Conservative C. R. Tuttle. The quarrel is a family one and we don't care to interfere; but we may say this same Mr. Tuttle Conservative candidate last winter for the Southern Division of Winnipeg, and did not the Shields organ lay sympathize with him on that occasion? Was he any better then than now? Certainly not; but John Shields' silver wand had not then knocked the scales off the eyes of the Progress. It has got new light—a white silver light.

Judgment was delivered on Friday by Chancellor Boyd and Justice Cameron in the East Northumberland election case. The Chancellor held that there was no evidence of corrupt practices on the part of Ferris, respondent, and therefore he thought the petition should be dismissed with costs; Justice Cameron, however, held that Ferris was guilty of a corrupt act when he gave a railway pass to a voter, and he thought the respondent should be unseated, but not disqualified. The Judges having disagreed the case will now go into the Court of Appeals.

And now it turns out that the great Bailey-Hideout project of getting a hundred dollars from an empty treasury to lay out on street improvements at Rat Portage, has fallen flat on the Norquay Government, and the wonderful "lunatic asylum" scheme which took the form of a promise to spend large sums of money here immediately after the election of Messrs. Plummer and Miller, does not seem to have "taken" with the crowd. And why should it? A bankrupt government is in no position to help this community in the way indicated, and, besides, have not those very people been using the columns of the Government organs at Winnipeg and Toronto to inveigh against the Mowat Government for doing what they have been striving to get the Norquay Government to do, and which, probably, the Norquay Government would do if it could? They are wonderfully clever fellows, these Baileys and Rideouts, but they can't draw blood from stones, any more than they can make silk purses out of sow's ears. By the way, will the Times take note of the foregoing facts when next it has anything to say about the "human devices" by which it claims the Mowat Government is trying to win the Algoma election?

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I'm afraid I've thrown away not only money but my best chance in stepping out of the way for Miller. Four years bring many changes.—J. K. BRYDEN.

Your chance was about as good as mine was for succeeding Mowat. It's funny some people can't see when they are fooled.—THADDEUS A. GAUDET.

I'll work and do my best, but they must keep Chamber-Maid Shields away from here. I have a character to maintain and draw the line somewhere.—E. M. STRIDEUT.

I begin to be half afraid that that Bailey-Rideout-Shields gang will not "money up" as they promised. And then there's that ARGUS—what in thunder's to become of us after election's over?—ALEXANDER—THE PEARTLY.

I signed "Jim" Miller's requisition understanding that "Jim" Gillespie would run. Guess I'll vote for one "Jim" and work for the other. I'm for Lyon anyway.—HIS WORSHIP.

That's my case exactly.—THE DOCTOR.

Not mine though. I'll vote for Gillespie and Lyon straight and work for them.—THE REEVE.

I heard somebody was going to nominate me against Miller. If they had I would have beaten him.—OUR OWN JULIUS.

And so they talk of presenting me with a gold-headed cane. I shall put on a fashionable limp at once.—JOE B.

I promised Miller I'd vote for him and shall do so, but my sympathies are with Gillespie.—THE ELDER.

Lyon and Gillespie are our men and we will give them rousing majorities—don't you forget it.—THE PEOPLE.

I think I make a first-rate corporation solicitor.—FATHER FITZ.

And I am excellent surveyor.—H. DE Q. SEWELL.

And I a most efficient clerk.—W. BRYDON.

I wonder if my being here kept Shields away so long? Shouldn't be surprised if the Mail discovers that I am a Grit corruptionist.—THE CAUTION.

I wish I could find out who edits the ARGUS. He ought to be "indoited" for miscalling me.—TRUTHFUL JAMES.

There are two "Jims" and one of them gets "jammed." will it necessarily be a case of "Him-Jams?"—OUR SPECIAL.

I'm jammed already and I feel it in my bones.—THE EX-JUDGE.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

At a meeting of the Ontario Council held on Monday evening, the sanitary by-law introduced at a previous sitting was read a third time and passed; also a by-law appointing Mr. H. de Q. Sewell, Corporation surveyor. The report of the public improvements and work's committee was read, from which it appeared that $272 had been expended in grading and cleaning Fort street from Main to Mathieson streets; that the ditching of the latter street from Second to the C. P. R. grounds had been almost finished; that the approach to the bridge over the C. P. R. track had been improved and that a part of Matheson and Third streets, north of the bridge had been cleared. The committee reported that in order to finish the work on hand, a further expenditure of $300 will have to be incurred and that to further improve Main street will require $100. The council adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in October. In the meantime it is understood steps will be taken to appropriate the balance of the citizens subscriptions to the improvement fund including the sum of $300 contributed by the Hudson Bay Company.

ONTARIO POLICE COURT.

Before Capt. Burden and H. P. Holmes, J. P.

Drunks: John Smith paid $2 and $2.50 costs. John Sullivan in default of a similar amount, ten days in jail. Peter Lye $2 and $2.50 costs. Felix Guerrette $2 and $2.50 costs. Joseph Guillette, discharged. John Maclean, using abusive and threatening language, discharged—the complainant, Hogaboom, having taken the law into his own hands by knocking down and fully punishing the prisoner before seeking the aid of a policeman to make the arrest.

In the cases of assault—Malcolm Mackenzie and Archie McDonald—the Reeve, Mr. Holmes, sentenced McDonald to pay a fine of $3 including costs for the first offence and $2 for the second offence. Mackenzie $3 including costs. The fines were paid. In the case of Henry Kirk brought up on Wednesday for being drunk, a fine of $2 and $2.50 costs was imposed. Prisoner was detained on a warrant charging him with having stolen certain articles of wearing apparel on the 18th inst., from John Macleod of this town.

When you can't get a man to act on the square, the best plan to adopt is to deal roundly with him.

The Varennes Election.

NOMINATION TO-DAY.

Three Candidates Nominated.

Messrs. Miller, Gillespie and Enright were nominated to-day for the representation of the Electoral Division of Rat Portage, No. 30. It is generally believed Mr. Enright will succumb to the representations of his friends, and retire before polling day. A posse of Norquayites, headed by the Premier, are here moving heaven and earth on behalf of Miller, but his candidature is discredited by a large majority of the business men and respectable inhabitants. Messrs. Greenway, Killam, Matthew Ryan, and Jackson are also working hard on behalf of Mr. Gillespie, the popular Candidate.

There is very little excitement, and Gillespie's friends are everywhere confident. There will be a public meeting to-night, when, in all probability, some lively speeches will be made. Representatives of the Winnipeg Press are here for the purpose of reporting the proceedings and otherwise taking in the political situation.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The neat and commodious edifice on Prospect Hill, erected by the Presbyterian community of this place, is to be opened for Divine service on Sunday next. The opening services will be participated in by several clergymen from Winnipeg and elsewhere, including the Rev. Messrs. Gordon, Silcox, Stalker and Pitblado. On Monday evening an entertainment will be given in the church, the proceeds to be devoted to church purposes, and tea will be served in the adjoining Ontario court room, which has been placed at the Rev. Mr. Tibbs' disposal for this purpose. The programme is as follows:

Address.....Chairman
Chorus.....Bright sparkle in the Churchyard
Address.....Mr. Lyon
Piano Duet.....Miss Coate and Mr. Baker
Address.....Rev. J. B. Silcox
Song.....THADDEUS A. GAUDET
Reading.....Capt. Burden
Duet.....Messrs. Hinton and Bell
Address.....Rev. Mr. Gordon
Song—The Flower Girl.....Mrs. Kobold
INTERMISSION.
Violin Solo.....Mr. W. C. Young
Address.....Rev. Jr. Halstead
Song.....J. K. Bryden
Sixth Song.....Mrs. Holmes
Address.....Rev. Mr. Stalker
Song.....Mrs. Robertson
Duet.....Messrs. Hinton and Bell
Address.....Rev. C. B. Pitblado
Piano Duet.....Miss Coate and Mr. Baker
Recitation.....Mrs. Kobold
God save the Queen.

HOW THE MONEY GOES.

The papers brought down to Parliament from time to time show why Sir John Macdonald is so desirous of holding on to the western part of Ontario, although of course they do not reveal all the truth. By granting licenses to cut timber in this district at ridiculously low prices, and by the grant of mining licenses, etc., he has been able to payoff his hungry followers, members of Parliament who spoke and voted as he directed, contractors who spent money and used their influence to carry elections in his favor, and many of the other parasites, agents, and tools whom it was necessary to reward. The $21,000 received for the licenses to cut timber in that territory up to the 13th of March last, everyone knows is but a very small part of the sum of what those berths would have brought if they had been set up to public competition. On Saturday last our Ottawa correspondent furnished a very interesting summary of the contents of some of the papers moved for last session. The parties to whom licenses were granted, are without exception, we believe, supporters of Sir John whom he was willing to enrich at the expense of Ontario. The most noticeable of the names given is that of Mr. Costigan, M. P., who was associated with a Mr. R. J. Sinclair in getting out railway and other lumber, and who, as is shown by the correspondence, was a frequent applicant for favors, asking permission at one time to cut in Whitefish Bay, as the islands on which they had obtained license to cut were included in a lease to another company. At another to cut next Mather's limit at Pipestone Lake. Mr. Costigan stated in this case, "Unless you wire me a favorable reply I will fail in my contract." Another application was made in the names of both. Afterwards, when Mr. Costigan was about to be appointed a Minister, he appears in the correspondence not as the partner but as the patron of Mr. Sinclair. He subsequently patronized a Mr. Lewis. All he asked be obtained. If transactions such as these are not a violation of the letter of the Independence of Parliament Act they certainly do violate its spirit most grossly. The member of Parliament who asks a favor of the Premier so important that he must fail in his contract if he do not obtain it, is as deep culprit as the Premier as if he had taken a contract under the Government of the day. It could be argued that Mr. Costigan knew if we did not state that he is not by such means the only member of Parliament who has been rewarded by grants, leases, or licenses, for services rendered to the Premier in Parliament. Indeed it is probable that some of them realized a great deal more from what was given them than Mr. Costigan did. This degradation of Parliament is a great public wrong. It is also a grevious wrong to Ontario that so many of those who were willing to sacrifice conscience and country for pelf were rewarded at the expense of Ontario. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property belonging to Ontario have been handed over to Ottawa in rewarding his supporters and satellites, and he intends to use what is left in the same way, if he can. The firm of Sinclair, quay, Miller, & Co. are sent to Rat Portage, and a force of mounted police is sent to the frontier.—Globe, 11th.

BIRTHS.

WATT—At Rat Portage, on Sept. 6th, the wife of D. Watt, of the Rideout House, of a son twins—At Silver Lake, Aug. 31st, the wife of J. G. Gillis of a son

MARRIAGES.

HOLLOWAY—HENRY—At St. York street, Winnipeg, on Sept. 5, by the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., Fred W. Holloway, H.B.C., Lower Fort Garry, to Mary Shaw, fourth daughter of W. S. Henry, late of Perthshire, Scotland.

DEATHS.

COSGROVE—In Montreal, on Sept. 11th, Alexander, eldest son of the late Alexander Cosgrove, formerly of Montreal and late of Winnipeg.

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OUR POSITION.

The Globe on the situation at Rat Portage.

The Norquay organs, both in Ontario and outside of it, are exercising themselves a good deal about the policy of the Mowat Government in relation to the territory covered by the boundary award of 1878. A few continue to assert that the sole object of the Administration is to snatch a victory in the coming Algoma election, but others have abandoned a contention that was from the first manifestly absurd. No Government could afford to undertake the administration of a district situated as this is, without having made up their minds to adhere to that line of policy. The Norquayites, both at home and abroad, may just as well make up their minds to see the same policy persevered in after the election, whatever its result may be. Of that result the Government have no occasion to be afraid. It will not in any case effect their tenure of office, which is fixed for the present Parliamentary term, and there is every reason to believe that the people of Algoma will by a large majority instruct the Norquay candidate that he is not wanted as their representative in the Ontario Legislature. There is as little reason to doubt their loyalty to their own Province as there is to doubt its ability and willingness to do for them in the way of assistance what it has already done for older districts. But be the result of the election what it may, the Ontario Government have gone into the Rat Portage district to stay, and neither Norquay and his satellites, nor the Dominion Government with its Mounted Police, can expel them. The Ontario Ministry have been studiously careful to give no provocation, and we have no doubt they will be equally careful for the future: but they cannot and will not abandon the post of duty which they occupy in the Northwestern part of the Province. On those who break the peace must rest the responsibility for the consequences.

LUMBER NOTES.

Already large gangs of raftsmen are leaving daily for the shanties on the Ottawa and its tributaries. Operations will be greatly curtailed this season. It is thought that the cut will be reduced 25 per cent,

Mr. David Moore, of Ottawa, has sold his square timber for 30 cents per foot. It was splendid average. The price is somewhat lower than last years quotation. Lumbermen generally complain of an unusual dullness in the timper market.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Northwestern Lumberman says:--There has been a great deal said in English and Canadian papers of a great improvement to be expected in this trade this fall, but certainly, this far these promises do not seem at all likely to be fulfilled, for the number of vessels going out for the fall trade is no larger than ordinary, and the markets at home do not show any signs of increased activity. A recognized authority says that the supply will be quite as large in Great Britain this year as last and in the face of a dull market it is hard to see where there is likely to be room for improvement.

There are engaged in the getting out and manufacture of lumber in Canada about 100,000 men who support families, forming a grand total of 500,000, or about one-ninth of the population of the Dominion. In all the industrial establishments of Canada $165,000,000 of capital is invested in saw mills and machinery. Over $25,000,000 is placed. The amount invested in lands and lumbering outfits is about $50,000,000 in all, or more than one-third the amount invested in all other industrial establishments. The total product of lumber in 1881 was $38,541,752, or $9 for each inhabitant of the country, of which enough was sold abroad to bring into the country $23,911,652.

THE LOWER SASKATCHEWAN.

A. Nellson, has for two years past been exploring the Lower Saskatchewan, which empties into the northwestern portions of Lake Winnipeg, Northwest Territory. In speaking of the timber of that region, which can be easily transported by water to the settled portions of Manitoba, he says: "There is a very large tract of fine land between the Cumberland House and the Chemenwawin, at the head of Cedar Lake. In many places this land is heavily timbered with spruce, tamarack and poplar of very large size, but elsewhere there is a great deal of it which can be easily and cheaply cleared and also stretches of fine hay land." In the neighborhood of the Hudson's Bay Company's post he saw "magnificent forests of spruce timber capable of supporting thriving lumber communities." The other timber of that section is white and black poplar, elm, ash, balsam, fir and some cedar. There is also ash leaved maple, cherry, saskatoon, plum, and hazel of small size.

WHEN replying to the civic address to him last week by the citizens of Toronto, Lord Lorne made special reference to the Northwest and British Columbia. He said:—"All these sections of your great country I know, and you a nation foremost, not only among the nations of this continent, but of the world."

THE London 'Tizer characterizes the action of the Copperhead press of Ontario as playing the part of traitor within the citadel in its ungrateful attitude in the Rat Portage business. It is a base, a treacherous part, in the last degree discreditable to those who play it, whether it is done from the venal motives which actutate some, or the noisy stupidity which governs the conduct of others.

THE Ottawa Free Press.—"An idea of the way the disputed territory is being robbed, with the connivance of the Dominion Government, is shown by the operations of Mr. Shields. This contractor took out and sold 800,000 railway ties at forty cents each, $320,000. He also took out and sold 200,000 feet of timber at fifty cents per foot, $100,000: total; $420,000, stolen—actually stolen—from Ontario."

THE Toronto Globe has the following pertinent remark anent the would be immaculate Shields:—"It appears from our mail advices that the Rat Portage Progress, which was in doubt as to the direction it should look, has had its ancient faith strengthened and its doubts removed through the potent influence of Mr. John Shields. Mr. Shields is not recognized as a man of very superior ability, but he has a very impressive way of putting things which is very effective with a certain class of politicians, especially those of the Rat Portage Progress stripe."

CONSUMMATE CHEEK. Mr. John Shields, it would seem, undertook to fasten himself, Mr. McLeod Stewart, and Mr. Norquay upon Mr. George Stephen and his party, who were about to start to Calgary. Mr. Stephen with count Gleichen, Lord Elphinstone, and others were about to visit the base of the Rocky Mountains, and they had no intention of having Shields and his friends fastened upon them, and Mr. Shields found, notwithstanding his eminent services to the Tory party, he could not have his own way in this matter. Cheek can do a great deal, but there are occasional impediments which it cannot overcome, and Mr. Stephen's firmness proved to be one of them. —London Advertiser.

The Port Arthur *Herald*, Sept. 18, says: John Shields arrived from the east last night. As chief commissary of the Norquay-Plummer forces he has been in Ottawa and Toronto "passing round the hat" and securing the necessary "supplies" for the Algoma campaign. It is understood that the whisky bottles will not be carried in trunks on this occasion, as they were in Muskoka; and that the whisky will not be diluted with water, so that it will freeze on the way, thus depriving the thirsty voters of their promised drink. None but the best brands will be supplied, and to avoid suspicion, the bottles, encased carefully in straw wrappers, will be packed in flour barrels or some other innocent form. This may deprive Mr. Shields of the opportunity and pleasure of making a present of an empty trunk to any of the hotel chamber-maids in Algoma, as he did in Muskoka, but their good graces and political influence can doubtless be secured in some other way by a person of Mr. Shields' boundless resources and insinuating qualities. Mr. Lyon's friends may now expect to see the chambermaid influence go for the Shield's candidate.

THE CASE IN A NUTSHELL: Since our last issue considerable trouble has been caused by a conflict of the Manitoba and Ontario authorities in regard to the ownership of the district of which Rat Portage is the centre. Looking at the whole matter from a strictly impartial standpoint, we cannot help thinking that Manitoba has no claim to the territory. It may not be Ontario's, but it is certainly not ours. Until the question is settled between Ontario and the Dominion the latter cannot dispose of it in any way. A legally constituted board of arbitrators, the only authority competent to settle it, decided that the territory belonged to Ontario. The Dominion Parliament, contrary to the universal custom in all such cases, claimed the right to repudiate the award, and through the jealousy of the Quebec Bleus, Parliament accordingly refused to ratify it. That refusal may render the award inoperative and of no effect, but in that case the whole question falls back into its old position, and is still a matter of dispute between Ontario and the Dominion. The Dominion cannot hand it over to Manitoba any more than it can give a portion of Quebec to New Brunswick. It first has to establish its own right to the territory before it can dispose of it.—North West Farmer.

ELECTION CARDS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE District of Algoma.

GENTLEMEN:

As the writs for an Election will very soon be issued the people of Algoma will again be called on to select their representative in the Local Legislature, and at the request of a large portion of the influential electors from all sections of the district I have again consented to become a candidate to represent this vast constituency in the Legislature of the Province.

Having served you for five years in Parliament I am no stranger to the Electors of this District; my record is before the people and I leave them to judge whether I have fulfilled the trust imposed in me or not. When elected in 1879 I was bound by no pledges, except that I would do all in my power to promote the best interests of the District; if this pledge has been carried out I hope to merit a continuance of that confidence so liberally bestowed upon me when I last solicited your suffrages.

ALGOMA FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS

The principle that I enunciated in my former addresses I still affirm: and although a Liberal in principle, I again come before you as an independent candidate, believing the interests of Algoma to be of far greater importance to the Electors than any party that may be in power: and if again elected I will be found in the future as in the past supporting measures calculated to advance the development of our vast agricultural, mineral and timbered lands.

ELECTORAL DIVISION.

During the session of Parliament I brought the division of the District into two electoral districts before the Government and the House, but on account of the Boundary Question not being settled, and which disputed boundary embraces such a large portion of this District, it was deemed advisable not to affect the division until the boundaries of the Province were settled and the population sufficiently increased to average fairly with that of other counties in the Province. If returned this important question will at all times engage my earnest attention.

THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

Another question of vital importance to the people of Algoma is the settlement of the westerly and northerly boundaries of this Province. On this subject there should be no difference of opinion among the electors of this constituency. This question was submitted by both the Dominion and Local Government to a board of arbitrators by whose award the said boundaries extend west to the Lake of the Woods and north to James' Bay and include a vast territory rich in minerals, agricultural land and timber, which is estimated to be worth two hundred million dollars, and this territory lies wholly within the confines of this District. In the western section of this Disputed Territory, where the devolpment of our mineral and timber interests has commenced a great want of equitable administration in reference to those two industries is felt, which want can be best supplied by substituting the liberal policy in this respect of the Ontario Government for the severe and unjust one at present pursued. I will consider it my duty at all times to do all in my power to have this vexed question brought to an early settlement having due regard to the interests of this Province and the District of Algoma in particular: and I will stand firm for every foot of territory awarded by the arbitrators, otherwise I consider I would be acting contrary not only to the best interests of the present generation, but to those of generations yet unborn.

PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

If elected I shall consider it to be my duty to support by my vote and influence in the House the perservation of our Provincial Rights, and in this light I consider the Rivers and Streams Bill, passed last session in the Local Legislature, fair and just alike to the settler, the lumberman and the Province; as, by its provisions, it protects one of our chief sources of revenue: every facility should be used to bring our timber to market and legislation is necessary in order that our floatable stream may be made available for that purpose.

RAILWAY CHARTER.

During my term as your representative I have been instrumental, by my vote and influence both in the House and country, in obtaining a charter for the construction of a railway from Gravenhurst to Sault Ste Marie, which will be the means of developing the country it traverses for nearly four hundred miles, and in the construction of which $500,000 will be expended in this District within the next three years: and it was mainly due to my efforts in this behalf that the sum was not all expended within the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound.

I have also succeeded in obtaining a charter to construct a Railway across the Manitoulin Island connecting with the Ontario & Sault Ste Marie Railroad at a point north of Little Current, for the completion of which a subsidy has been promised and a guarantee that the road will be completed at an early date, which will be a lasting benefit to the people of Manitoulin Island.

I have also procured a charter for the construction of a railroad from Prince Arthur's Landing to the boundary line between Canada and the United States connecting with a line of Railway to Duluth, which forms a connecting link with the American Railway system and wil give another outlet to the rapidly increasing commerce of the enterprising town of Prince Arthur's Landing.

EDUCATION.

Our educational interests have always engaged my attention whilst your representative and I have been instrumental in obtaining the services of an efficient School Inspector which has greatly facilitated the organization on School sections and the granting of certificates of qualification to teachers and the promotion of education in the District generally.

I shall make a personal canvass of the District and will hold as many meetings as time will permit, when I shall express my views on the important questions affecting the interests of the people of this District and give a more complete account of my stewardship, than the limits of a short address will allow.

R. A. LYON.

ELECTION CARD.

To the Electors of the Electoral Division of Rat Portage.

GENTLEMEN:

A large number of you have requested me to become a candidate for the representation of Rat Portage in the Provincial Legislature.

I feel greatly honored with your large and influential requisition and feel it a duty to accept it.

Although the time is short I shall visit as many of you as possible previous to polling day, and discuss, as opportunity may offer with my opponents, the issues involved in the election.

If elected I will do all in my power to promote the welfare of your division. I trust my long acquaintance and business connection with the constituency will enable me to do this with some degree of success.

Soliciting your hearty support,

I am, yours faithfully,

JAMES GILLESPIE.

To the Electors of Varennes.

GENTLEMEN:--

I have been asked by a large number of old friends in your county to become a candidate in the contest now imminent, and have consented. My platform is a brief one. I am independent in politics. I cannot understand what bearing the old party issues of Eastern Canada have upon the questions continually arising in this new country. If elected, I shall not waste time in party squabbles, but devote myself to the best of my humble ability to furthering your interests. Having been a working man all my life, nine years of which have been spent among you, I favor legislation for labor. The working man is seldom cared for in the Legislatures of Canada. I favor the further legislation of the Mechanics' Lien Law, so as to give goläder protection to the man who has earned his honest wages by honest work. I favor also the amendment of the Landlord and Tenant Act, believing as it now stands it is a piece of one-sided legislation designed wholly in the interest of the landlord. It is a barbarous law that permits the landlord to issue his own warrant, appoint his own bailiffs, seize a man's household goods, and throw him ruined into the street, because he has been unfortunate enough to fall into arrears of rent. In a new region like Varennes it will be the duty of the Government of the day to expend money liberally in developing your municipal system and in constructing public works under municipal and provincial control and I will support any measure having that end in view.

The election is close at hand, but I shall endeavor to visit all my old friends before polling day, win or lose.

My canvas will be conducted honorably, and in a friendly spirit towards every man, be he for or against me.

Yours respectfully,

P. ENRIGHT.

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